

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS INVITING COMMENT ON
PRIORITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS
FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY CONSORTIUM'S 2014 ACTION PLAN AND
REPORTING ON 2012 PROGRAM PERFORMANCE**

Snohomish County announces two public hearings related to the planning process for federal affordable housing and community development funds.

Purpose: The purpose of the hearings is to:

- Obtain public input on priority affordable housing and community development needs (public facilities, infrastructure, and services) in our community for the 2014 Action Plan.
- Report on, and receive input on, third-year performance under the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan for the 2012 program year which ended June 30, 2013.
- Respond to proposals and answer questions.

Hearing Dates and Times: Two hearings will be held. The first hearing will take place on December 12, 2013, at 6 p.m. The second hearing will take place on December 13, 2013, at 10 a.m. Both hearings will be held in Public Meeting Room 2 located on the first floor of the Snohomish County Robert J. Drewel (Administration East) Building, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201.

Background: The County, in consortium with 19 cities and towns within the county, receives approximately \$4 million dollars in federal funds each year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under three grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

The funds may be used to support affordable housing, public facility, infrastructure, public service, and economic development activities as well as grant administration. Activities funded primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons and neighborhoods in the county.

The Consortium's 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan identifies local needs for affordable housing and community development. It also includes five-year goals to guide how this federal funding will be used to help address these needs.

Each year, a one-year Action Plan is developed. The Action Plan indicates how anticipated funding for the upcoming year will be used to help meet the five-year goals. It includes awards to specific projects. The 2014 Action Plan will cover

the period of July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

At the end of each program year, an end-of-year report is prepared called the CAPER. The report assesses annual progress towards meeting the five-year goals. The CAPER for the 2012 program year which ended June 30, 2013, was completed in September 2013.

Public Comments: Snohomish County invites comments and participation from all interested persons. Both oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearings. If you are unable to attend one of the hearings, you may send a written comment to Sue Tracy via e-mail to sue.tracy@snoco.org or via mail to Snohomish County Human Services Department--OHCD, M/S 305, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201. Comments and views received will be taken into consideration in development of the 2014 Action Plan.

ADA Notice: The County strives to provide access to all members of the public. County facilities are wheelchair accessible. Upon advance request, the County will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities attending the public hearing. Requests may also be made for reasonable accommodations to submit comments in an alternate format upon request. To make a request, contact Sue Tracy via e-mail at sue.tracy@snoco.org, via phone at 425-388-3269, or via TTY at 7-1-1.

Foreign Language Interpreters: Foreign language interpreters are available upon request when a substantial number of non-English speaking residents can reasonably be expected to participate. Please request interpreter services at least one week in advance of the hearing. To make a request, please contact Sue Tracy via e-mail at sue.tracy@snoco.org or via phone at 425-388-3269.